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SUBJECT: CSCE: BELGRADE CONFERENCE CENTER

1. AT INVITATION OF EBOGRAD PUBLIC (BP), ADMINCOUNS AND
EMBOFF RESPONSIBLE FOR CSCE JOINED REPS OF OTHER CSCE
PARTICIAPATING EMBASSIES IN TOUR OF CONFERENCE CENTER
MAY 23. WORK INCLUDING INTERIOR DECORATION APPEARED
ESSENTIALLY COMPLETE AND CENTER WILL BE READY TO HOUSE
CSCE JUNE 15 PREP MTG. SEATING ARRANGEMENT IN MAIN
HALL WILL PERMIT EACH DELEGATION TWO AT TABLE AND TWO
IMMEDIATELY BEHIND. THERE IS SOME GALLERY SPACE AS WELL.
SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION WILL BE PROVIDED IN SEVEN
LANGUAGES -- ENGLISH,FRENCH, GERMAN, ITALIAN, RUSSIAN,
SERBO-CROATIAN AND SPANISH.

2. DURING MEETING FOLLOWING TOUR, BP OFFICIALS ASKED
THAT ALL SPACE REQUIREMENTS BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 30. THOSE
WHO RENT SPACE AT CENTER WILL BE ABLE TO BEGIN MOVING IN
BETWEEN JUNE 5-10. EACH SUITE WILL HAVE CAPACITY FOR
HOOKUP OF SEVEN LINES WITH BELGRADE BELL SYSTEM.
INSTALLATION OF DIRECT PHONE LINES TO EMBASSIES AND
TELETYPE MACHINES WILL BE PERMITTED.

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3. WITH PRICE STRUCTURE STILL DISCOURAGING MANY EMBASSIES
FROM RENTING SPACE AT CENTER, OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED THAT
RENTALS OF PARTIAL SUITES IS POSSIBLE AND THAT
PAYMENT FOR PERIOD BETWEEN PREP AND SUBSTANTIVE MTGS
WILL NOT BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN LONGEVITY
DISCOUNTS, AS LONG AS SPACE IS VACATED. OFFICIALS
INSISTED THAT PRICES COMPARE FAVORABLY WITH OTHER OFFICE

SPACE AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL IN BELGRADE. RECENT NEWSPAPER
ARTICLES HERALDING COMPLETION OF CENTER STATED THAT
PRICES COMPARED FAVORABLY WITH THOSE IN GENEVA, WITHOUT
DRAWING OTHER COMPARISONS BETWEEN THE TWO.
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